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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Dean A. Craine on April 12, 2004.

The application has been amended as follows:

- 1) In claim 1, lines 6 & 9; claim 2, line 2; and in claim 3, lines 6 & 8: The term "means" has been deleted.
- 2) In claim 1, line 9: The phrase --simultaneously or-- or has been inserted before the term "sequentially".
- 3) In claim 3, line 8: The term "pumps" has been changed to -pump--.
- 4) In claim 3, line 9: The phrase --simultaneously or sequentially-- has been inserted before the term "deflate".
- 2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The examiner respectfully asserts that none of the prior art, taken either singly or in combination, is seen to teach or suggest the use of an inflating seat comprising the particular structural combination of at least three or two sets of three transversely aligned inflatable air bladders, an air pump and valve

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respectively connected to each bladder, a timer connected to the *pump* to *serially and*sequentially inflate the air bladders from front to back and connected to the valve to

simultaneously or sequentially deflate the air bladders after a pre-selected time period to move

blood upward in a leg disposed over the air bladders, and a transversely aligned (non-inflatable)

rear cushion disposed adjacent to the rear-most air bladder, as specifically recited in Applicant's

independent claims 1 and 3. As previously discussed during the telephonic interview conducted

on April 12, 2004, it was noted that most conventional inflatable seat assemblies comprise a

plurality of air bladders arranged in two interdigitated sets that are alternately inflated and

deflated to impart a circulatory massaging effect only towards a specified body part, as opposed

to a plurality of air bladders which are serially inflated from front to back then simultaneously or

sequentially deflated to promote an upwardly-moving blood flow as claimed by Applicant.

Since an updated search of the prior art yielded no other references pertinent to Applicant's

claims, it is considered that the application is currently in proper condition for allowance.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Robert G. Santos whose telephone number is (703) 308-7469. The examiner can normally be reached on Tu-Fr and first Mondays, 10:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m..

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Heather C. Shackelford can be reached on (703) 308-2978. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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Primary Examiner

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